

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

From Chairman Powell's public comment, I get the impression that he believes that there is no room in the marketplace for local Internet Service Providers.

I am the General Manager of a small, rural Internet Service Provider in Brownwood, Texas. We provide services that neither the incumbant local carrier or large Internet providers is willing to provide.

In addition, if it were not for the current cloud over DSL services represented by current FCC proceedings and activities in Congress, I would install a DSLAM and go into the DSL business here, something that is clearly not going to happen anytime soon with the ILEC.

Chairman Powell should go find a small ISP and see what we do for innovation and service compared to larger enterprises. Plus, we provide a substantial employment base that would become an unemployment base if the current climate to kill off small operators prevails.

Sincerely,

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